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FOR OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT/CAPT. HOWE AND EUR/CE

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TAGS: OVIP(ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A.)

SUBJECT: DRAFT LUNCHEON TOAST FOR VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER

1. THE FOLLOWING IS PROPOSED FOR THE VICE PRESIDENT'S
LUNCHEON TOAST AT THE CHARLOTTENBURG CASTLE:

2. MR. GOVERNING MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR KIND WORDS AND GOOD
WISHES, MR. GOVERNING MAYOR: I KNOW HOW FULLY THEY ARE
MEANT AND FELT.

THIS LOVELY LUNCHEON IN THIS TRADITION-RICH HALL AND
PALACE, WHOSE ORIGIN AND GROWTH ROUGHLY PARALLELS THE
DEVELOPMENT AND BIRTH OF OUR OWN NATION THAT WE CELEBRATE
THIS YEAR, OFFERS AN APPROPRIATE SETTING FOR A FEW
REMARKS ABOUT OUR MUTUALITY AND THE FACTORS BEHIND IT.
AS I INDICATED UPON ARRIVAL LAST NIGHT, I REALIZE THAT
FROM THE HEAT OF THE POLITICAL ORATORY BACK HOME AND THE
NATURAL CONFLICTS WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE
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THERE MERGE AT TIMES MISCONCEPTIONS OR FEARS AMONG

OUR FRIENDS AND ALLIES AS TO AMERICAN DIRECTIONS OR INTENTIONS OR STEADFASTNESS - A PROBLEM HOWEVER NOT ENTIRELY UNIQUE TO OUR AMERICAN POLITICAL SETTING, I AND TOLD*

SO LET ME REITERATE THE VITAL ROLE OF BERLIN THE LARGER FRAMEWORK OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY, A ROLE MADE CLEAR BY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER IN THIS CITY AND THIS PLACE ALMOST A YEAR AGO TO THE DAY AND CONFIRMED REPEATEDLY BY CONGRESSIONAL VISITORS FROM BOTH OUR MAJOR PARTIES OVER THE PAST YEAR, AND, INDEED, BY THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF.

IT IS ABVIOUS THAT BERLIN IS A STEADY FACTOR IN OUR RELATIONS WITH FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM WITH WHOM WE SHARE RESPONSIBILITY HERE. IT IS SURELY EVEN MORE OBVIOUSLY A CONSTANT FACTOR IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE FRG. SO SIMPLY BY DEFINITION, BERLIN AND ITS FUTURE PLAY AN INTEGRAL ROLE IN THE MOST IMPORTANT CONCERN OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY- THAT OF OUR ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIPS. ADD TO THIS OUR CLEAR DESIGNATION OF BERLIN AS A MAJOR DETERMINANT IN OUR IMPORTANT RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION - THE TERM USED LAST YEAR WAS " ACID TEST", I BELIEVE - AND YOU CAN SEE WHY YOUR FORTUNES, ARE SURELY SEEN BY THE UNITED STATES AS CLOSELY TIED TO OUR OWN.

UNDERLYING IT ALL, OF COURSE, IS OUR MUTUAL DEDICATION TO THE OPEN SOCIETY, TO THE CONVICTION THAT MEN CAN BEST MEET CHANGE AND CHALLENGE IN A CLIMATE OF LIBERTY AND THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC CONTENTION OF FORCES; AND SURELY NOWHERE ELSE COULD THERE BE A MORE GRAPHIC DEMONSTRATION OF THE SEEMINGLY ENDLESS CONTEST BETWEEN THE OPEN SOCIETY AND ITS CHALLENGERS THAN HERE IN YOUR DIVIDED CITY.

SO I RAISE MY GLASS WITH CONFIDENCE TO OUR CONTINUED CLOSENESS IN FUTURE YEARS - AND TO OUR HOSTS, OUR ALLIES AND THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF FINAL VERSIONS OF ALL
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